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Dearest Pauline,

You have been so much in
my thought this summer, and
I cannot get over missing you.
The gas situation would have made
it difficult seeing each other,
but there is always the telephone,
and also, we are by this time
very much accustomed to the
bus.

It is ages since I have heard
anything of you, and I do

hope Jan had as good a summer
as the horribleness of the war
permits. - yesterday I heard
a lecture on Canada, it is
really marvellous what that
country of less than twelve
million inhabitants has done. Jan
ought to be very proud.

Nelen & I have been well this
summer; Nelen has been for
two weeks at that young
people's musical camp, and the
remainder of the summer she
has divided between raising a very
large & successful vegetable

garden, and working on a dairy farm.
She goes to the dairy every afternoon
and twice a week gets up at 4.30 to
do also the morning milking.
(She got me to milk two cows the
other day & said I did well)
We have not had many people
staying with us this summer, in fact
almost none. No help, no gas
and rationing made it difficult
to have visitors, but we had lots of
people for meals & tea, & Nelen
had some guests. For myself,

the housework was about all I
could easily manage.

There were no South Mountain
Quartets ^{or concerts} this summer, but the
announcement begging for subscriptions
for that cause came just the
same!! What do you think of
that? Perhaps Willem was hard
up! I saw them both just
once this summer.

Miss Coolidge had a number of
concerts at the Museum in
Pittsfield, the Coolidge Quartet ^(6 concerts),
and later the pianist ^(6 recitals)
Schapiro. I went to three of

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his recitals I enjoyed them very much. Walter met him at dinner at the Rosenfelds I liked him so much. Do you know him, he lives in California. The Rosenfelds seem to be thriving, look handsome & well and the children are growing up to be such handsome well-mannered children.

The Kitsons are sort of half and half well; ~~and~~ one can't quite

make out, and not having
any gas and there is no bus
to Tynningham, so I only got out
once this summer, but have enough
gas to go once more before
leaving here.

I am afraid they are financially
very hard up; it is too bad
and I am much troubled
about them.

Under separate cover I am sending
you a little volume. Helen and
I had privately pointed to give to

to our friends, some chapters of Edmund's
numerical writings and I am making
you a copy. It is a great pity that
he had hardly begun the one ~~one~~ on
New Longitude & there was nothing we
could put with him. This would
have been the most interesting of all the
chapters, it is too bad it was not
completed.

It would be so nice to get a
line from you again; when I am
near West 73rd St I have I wish

you both were there!

Well, lots and lots of love
to you both, and I love you
very much.

As ever,

Your affectionate old friend,
Maryand

We return to N. Y. Nov 16—
It is heavenly here now.

Bidens and dogs are well.
They (the former) often ask after
you.